

**RESOLUTION of the  
ROCKTON SCHOOL DISTRICT #140 BOARD OF EDUCATION OF WINNEBAGO, ILLINOIS**

**RESOLUTION OPPOSING THE PROPOSED GREAT LAKES BASIN RAILWAY ROUTE THROUGH  
THE ROCKTON SCHOOL DISTRICT #140**

**WHEREAS**, the Surface Transportation Board is proposing a potential route for the Great Lakes Basin Railroad through the Rockton School District #140 of Illinois; and

**WHEREAS**, The Rockton School District #140 Board of Education is interested in providing a safe and wholesome environment for all of its citizens; and

**WHEREAS**, the proposed railroad route for the Great Lakes Basin Railroad with up to 110 trains a day would cause disruptions and delays of school buses and decrease the response time of emergency First Responders impacting student academic achievement and safety in the Rockton School District #140; and

**WHEREAS**, the proposed railroad route passing through the Rockton School District #140 would cause a permanent disruption and destruction of agricultural and recreational land use and would not be in the best interests of the Rockton School District #140; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Rockton School District #140 Board of Education of the County of Winnebago opposes the proposed a potential route for the Great Lakes Basin Railroad through the Rockton School District #140; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that this Resolution shall be in full force and effect immediately upon its adoption.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, Rockton School District #140 Board of Education of the County of Winnebago is hereby authorized to prepare and deliver certified copies of this Resolution to President Donald Trump, Senator Tammy Duckworth, Senator Richard Durbin, the Surface Transportation Board, the United States Secretary of Transportation, and Representative Adam Kinzinger.

Respectfully submitted,  
Rockton School District #140 Board of Education

<u>Absent</u>	Katie Littlefield, President	<u>      </u> Aye	<u>      </u> Nay
<u>[Signature]</u>	Josh Houghton, Vice-President	<u>X</u> Aye	<u>      </u> Nay
<u>Stacey Heiar</u>	Stacey Heiar, Secretary	<u>X</u> Aye	<u>      </u> Nay
<u>Shawn Connors</u>	Shawn Connors, Member	<u>X</u> Aye	<u>      </u> Nay
<u>Gail Johnson</u>	Gail Johnson, Member	<u>X</u> Aye	<u>      </u> Nay
<u>Brett Lundsten</u>	Brett Lundsten, Member	<u>X</u> Aye	<u>      </u> Nay
<u>Chad Papke</u>	Chad Papke, Member	<u>X</u> Aye	<u>      </u> Nay